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1. Rejected Claims 10-12, 16, 18-20, 25, 26, 30, 31, 35, and 36 under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Doi et al., U.S. Patent Appl. Publ. No. 2002/01461901.

2. Rejected Claims 10, 15, 29, and 34 under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Doi et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,801,675.

3. Rejected Claims 14, 23, 28, and 33 under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doi et al., U.S. Patent Appl. Publ. No. 2002/01461901.

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